

RESPIRATORY SURVEILLANCE

QUICK GUIDE FOR RESPIRATORY SPECIMEN SUBMISSION

All specimen will be tested for Influenza and COVID-19.
If influenza or COVID-19 is not detected, specimens may be tested for other pathogens.

COLLECT

Collect 2 specimens per week from all patients with Influenza-like illness (ILI) or COVID-19-like illness (CLI) from separate households plus any from the list below:

Hospitalized patients,
Pregnant women,
Patients with recent international travel,
Patients reporting exposure to pigs,
Patients reporting exposure to backyard flock,
Patients with diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and/or obesity.

Only specimen is needed per patient. Collect and submit specimens year round.

ILI symptoms include: fever of at least 100.4° F, oral or equivalent,
and cough and/or sore throat, without a known cause other than influenza.
CLI symptoms include: fever of at least 100.4° F, cough, and/or shortness of breath.

SUBMIT

Log in to your facility's State Lab Web Portal.

Print a bar code for shipping.

Patient results will be received electronically.

To sign up for the Web Portal contact the Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
at 334-290-6130 or LIMSSupport@adph.state.al.us
or complete a requisition form online bit.ly/ADPH-BCL-Requisition

SHIP

Specimens must be received within 3 days of collection.

Ship specimens Monday - Thursday via UPS
or drop off at your local health department to be couriered to:

Bureau of Clinical Laboratories
204 Legends Court
Prattville, AL 36066

ORDER

To order additional respiratory test kits:

Email FluTestKit@adph.state.al.us

Enter "flu test kit" in subject line. Explain what you need (i.e., entire flu test kit, individual items such as cooler, ice packs, Dacron swabs, viral/universal transport media, etc.)

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